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ISRAEL: PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS OF THE ISRAELI NEGOTIATING POSITION SUGGEST THAT UN MEDIATOR JARRING IS BEING GIVEN LITTLE ENCOURAGEMENT IN TEL AVIV.

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A MEMORANDUM GIVEN AMBASSADOR BARBOUR BY FOREIGN
MINISTER EBAN ON WEDNESDAY, MAKES IT CLEAR NOT ONLY
THAT ISRAEL ADHERES FIRMLY TO ALL ITS PREVIOUS POSITIONS REGARDING A SETTLEMENT, BUT THAT THE ISRAELIS
ARE NOT WILLING TO ENTER SERIOUS TALKS ON SUBSTANTIVE
PROBLEMS UNLESS THE EGYPTIANS STOP CREATING AN ''ULTIMATIVE SITUATION''--I.E., STOP THREATENING NOT TO
RENEW THE CEASE-FIRE AFTER S FEBRUARY. EBAN EVEN
SAID HE WAS CONSIDERING TELLING JARRING THAT A FURTHER EXTENSION OF THE CEASE-FIRE IS A CONDITION FOR
ISRAEL'S ENTERING TALKS.

THE ISRAELI MEMORANDUM STATES FLATLY THAT NO ISRAELI TROOPS WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM ANY POSITION PENDING AN OVER-ALL SETTLEMENT, THAT ISRAEL WILL NOT RETURN TO ITS PRE - JUNE 1967 BOUNDARIES, AND THAT A UNIFIED JERUSALEM WILL ''OF COURSE'' REMAIN THE CAPITAL OF ISRAEL, THOUGH WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ''SPIRITUAL'' INTERESTS OF OTHERS.

IF PRIME MINISTER MEIR TAKES A LINE AS BLUNTLY
TOUGH AS THIS IN HER TALKS WITH JARRING, THE MEDIATOR WILL RETURN TO NEW YORK IN EFFECT WORSE THAN
EMPTY-HANDED. BARRING SOME UNFORESEEN BREAK IN THE
SITUATION, SUCH A DEVELOPMENT ALMOST CERTAINLY WOULD
CAUSE THE EGYPTIANS SERIOUSLY TO CONSIDER CALLING
FOR A MEETING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL BEFORE THE
CURRENT CEASE-FIRE EXPIRES.

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FEDAYEEN ACTIVITY FEDAYEEN-LEBANON-ISRAEL: ALONG THE LEBANESE-ISRAELI BORDER IS LIKELY TO IN-CREASE AS THE COMMANDOS ATTEMPT TO DISRUPT THE JARRING NEGOTIATIONS. 25X1 ISRAEL HAS COMPLAINED THE US AMBASSADOR IN TEL AVIV THAT TENSION IS AL-READY BUILDING UP ALONG THE BORDER AS FEDAYEEN FROM JORDAN MOVE INTO SOUTHERN LEBANON. 25X1 THE SEPARATE EFFORTS OF THE LEBANESE AND ISRAELI SECURITY FORCES ARE MORE THAN ADEQUATE TO KEEP ANY NEW ACTIVITY IN MOREOVER, THE WEAKENED STATE OF THE COM-CHECK -MANDO MOVEMENT RENDERS IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT IT CAN MOUNT ANY SIGNIFICANT CROSS-BORDER OPERATIONS. 25X1

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